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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S. VISIT OF SOVIET MINRAIL PAVLOVSKIY

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1. AS STATED REFTTEL, FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ON INVITATION TO SOVIET RAILWAY MINISTER PAVLOVSKIY FOR U.S. VISIT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE. IN LIGHT OF HIATUS TO DATE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT INOPPORTUNE TO DELIVER FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION FROM TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY ADAMS, PENDING PREPARATORY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE DATES AND ACTIVITIES.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY MEETING WITH MALASHKO OF MINRAIL TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT SOVIET VIEWS AND DESIRES WITH RESPECT TO VISIT, REFERRING TO CONVERSATIONS ON THE SUBJECT HELD WITH RAMUNDO DURING MAY VISIT TO THE USSR. YOU
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SHOULD FURTHER ASCERTAIN WHICH OF TWO PENDING SOVIET RAIL DELEGATIONS PAVLOVSKIY INTENDS TO LEAD AND ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS HE MAY HAVE. IN THIS CONNECTION, MALASHKO MAY BE ASSURED THAT A FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION WILL OF COURSE BE CONVEYED TO PAVLOVSKIY AS APPROPRIATE WHEN OUTLINE OF PROSPECTIVE VISIT TAKES SHAPE. CHRISTOPHER

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